

WOLFNER ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

Teleconference at Lewis and Clark Conference

July 18, 2014

ATTENDING: Dan Flasar, Darrel Vickers, Melinda Cook, Mary Dingus; Chip Hailey, Barbara Reading, Bonnie O'Donnell, Lisa Peters, Abbey Rimel, Deborah Stroup, Cheryl Hassler, Andrew Ormsby

Flasar- Teleconference etiquette-'please state name before speaking'. Non-Wolfner Advisory guests are observers and can speak at a designated time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS- none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- November 15, 2013 minutes were approved and adopted. March 21, 2014 minutes were approved and adopted.

Reading asked about the detail preferences in constructing the minutes. Members approved the format of the current minutes.

STATE LIBRARIAN REPORT: Reading

Updates on legislative session. Several pieces of legislation passed.

- 1) HB 1085 regarded privacy of library records.
 - a) Authorities can't demand reader information without producing a warrant.
 - b) Digital resources were added to library records so lists of library cardholders could not be obtained. Some libraries wanted to exclude sharing information with vendors. This bill provides a statute to substantiate the exclusion.
 - c) Clients that feel their privacy compromised can file a complaint within their Circuit Court jurisdiction.
- 2) SB 672 amends chapter 182
 - a) Library districts may impose a sales tax along with property tax for their services.
- 3) SB 1237 extended sunset on certain type of funding received by out of state athletes and entertainers. Extended to 2020.

Vetoes from General Revenues totaling \$144,000,000. Withholds or restricted funds \$641,000,000

- 1) Restricted money can't be spent till released.
 - a) Two State library funds are subject to withholding:
 - 1) State aid support for collections, personnel, building expenses etc. are being withheld.
 - 2) Funds to support internet access are also being withheld.

Vickers-What databases are effected that support internet access?

Reading- A general periodical database through EBSCO, a business database from a vendor named GALE and a discovering collection data base used from K-12. These are periodical databases accessed at library or at home from library website if they have a library card. The content is what students would research, consumer topics.

Flasar- Do you know about when the withholding funds would be released?

Reading- There is a possibility after the September legislative session.

Hailey- Would it help if blind consumer organizations such as NFB and MCB get involved in talking to the legislators about funding?

Reading- She said she doesn't know how much of the blind population uses the local libraries. She would like to have some input into those figures. Reading would be interested in knowing how the withheld funding would impact the visually impaired use of public libraries.

RECRUITMENT FOR THE NEW DIRECTOR AND SPECIAL SERVICES LIBRARIAN- Reading

- 1) Eight applications for the Special Services Librarian have been received. That position posting closes next week. The applications will be reviewed to create an interview list.
- 2) The Library Director position has been re-posted. Two applications were received. The position will be re-posted in August.
- 3) Reading stressed director must have at least five years managers experience. The director must manage a budget, work with a team, advocate for the library services, etc. The director must have a Library Science degree.

Vickers- Does an applicant need to have special training in accessible works for the blind?

Reading- She's looking for a potential director's approach to library service and interest in accessible services and willingness to learn the technical parts of the job.

Vickers- Is a Masters in Library Science enough?

Reading- The potential director will need a minimum of five years experience due to the number of staff and budgeting requirements.

Vickers- Are you posting the fact that this is a special needs library?

Reading- We are describing the service population.

Vickers- Who sets the standards requirements for Library Director?-

Reading- National library service.

Vickers – He sees Wolfner as more management and outreach. Why is there so much emphasis on Library degree?

Reading- It is an NLS requirement.

NLS NETWORK VISIT FROM 2013- Rimel

Vickie Collins gave a report of her findings from her visit in 2013. We received the report last month.

There were three parts to the report.

- 1) continue what we're doing
- 2) make changes
- 3) what we will incorporate into our daily duties.

Some of the suggestions were:

- 1) to increase our staff
- 2) Reader Advisors should have bachelor degrees
- 3) Increase BARD readership

Hailey - Is there an equivalent to bachelor degree for Reader Advisors?

Rimel - Vickie didn't mention an alternative in her report.

Hailey- How frequent are the NLS consultant visits?

Rimel- The visits are every two years.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM- Peters

There are 61 children registered in the Summer Reading Club. This has doubled by 37 patrons from last year.

- 1) The end of the Summer Reading Club program is July 25th.
 - A) Participants report their reading time by e-mail or phone or mail till August 8th.
 - B) On August 11th Peters will contact the children to make sure they report their reading time.
 - C) Completion means participants are reporting their total reading time.
 - a. They're eligible for a drawing for an iPad. One iPad will be awarded for each participant classification.
 - b. Participants that completed times will get a catalog of books according to their preferred reading. They will get to choose one book from that catalog.
 - c. We had 50% completion last year.
 - D) The drawings for prizes will be August 15th.

Vickers- How many children repeat the Summer Reading Club year after year?

Peters- Five to ten may have been consecutively entering the Summer Reading Club.

Hailey- Do we track the reading media the children use?

Peters- I only check to see what format the children want their books on. Their reading formats are in their library records.

Vickers- He suggested a special prize for children that enter the SRC continually year after year.

Peters- Funds come from the Friends. She will look into that possibility with them.

OURTREACH-Rimel

There have been twelve Wolfner outreach events so far this year. Staff attends Senior health fairs and visits groups that work with disabled.

Rimel would like to gather suggestions for outreach from Wolfner Advisory Council members.

Flasar suggested an International event in St. Louis.

Vickers suggested Wolfner information be distributed to individuals that sign up for blind pension. He suggested working closely with Rehabilitation Services for the Blind.

CONVERTING TO HINDENBURG: Stroup

The new recording software system is the Hindenburg HAVC developed by Hindenburg software company in Denmark. This replaces the previous LCM program from National Library Service. We have 4 licenses. The Hindenburg software is now installed in-house on the editing computer. The Hindenburg is a subscription software. Jeremy Prenger is trying to configure it to our purposes.

Phillip Carbo, from NLS, will be training volunteers on the new software the week of July 28th.

Editing will take a little longer with new software.

Hindenburg Company makes it easy to work with changes and updates to the software.

VOLUNTEER UPDATES- Stroup

It is the Tenth Anniversary of the Recording booth. It was installed in the summer of 2004. The booth was installed in June. Software and peripherals installed in July. On July 29th there is going to be a reception. Communications will do some publicity on the booth.

Reading asked Stroup to give her statistics of volunteer work. Reading was surprised at the quantity of work some of the volunteers have done.

Reading asked the members for suggestions of topics for bibliography suggestions.

- 1) Flasar suggested Bibliographies about politics. He encouraged bibliographies about all political party outlooks.
- 2) Most bibliographies are posted on the web site. If they haven't been sent out on a list serve for over a year we can pick them up again.
- 3) We could re-title bibliographies for people that don't understand what a bibliography is.

Contact the library about any thoughts you may have after the meeting.

Next meeting will be November 21.

Reading would like to have a Wolfner Advisory Council conference call to introduce the new director if we get one before November 21.

Hailey asked about expiring terms. Reading is looking into how to conduct new appointments or re-assignments.

The meeting was seconded and adjourned.